

I urge the commission not to expand the number of broadcast outlets one entity may own. One of the commissions jobs is to protect the airwaves for the public. I will not go into a diatribe about how important information (news) is to a democracy. When too few owners control too many of the information outlets, democracy is not served (and programing is not served either). The airwaves are owned by the public. They are not owned by the likes of Clear Channel, Viacom and the Chicago Tribune. Please vote for the spirit of the 1934 Communications Act and protect the public, not the large corporations. In fact I urge you to go back to previous rules that required less ownership of broadcast outlets and hence more diversity in thought, opinion and competition. Isn't that a good thing?

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